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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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FROM:

IAD - George A. Pope *GA*

SUBJECT:

Review of Coordination of Collection
of Intelligence Information

As I stated on the telephone, the Department of State concurs in the conclusions of your paper on the above subject. I have the following comments to make concerning the actual wording of the paper:

1) Page 3, Footnote - The second sentence is unclearly worded.

2) Page 4, Paragraph a. - I think the role of a Requirements Officer is being played down a little too much here. A Requirements Officer, at least those in State, has a more responsible function than the mere transmittal of requests.

3) Page 7, end of paragraph 7 - The last sentence does not prove that the DCI is coordinating overt and covert collection activity. In point of fact, the coordination is accomplished for the DCI mainly by the CAS men with the Ambassadors in the field. It is a matter of policy and practice for the CAS chief of station to be on extremely close terms with the Chief of Mission. To my observation, this is the case in all posts. Also, the replies we received, over sixty-five of them, to the second coordination instruction all spoke of the close cooperation between State and CAS personnel.

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